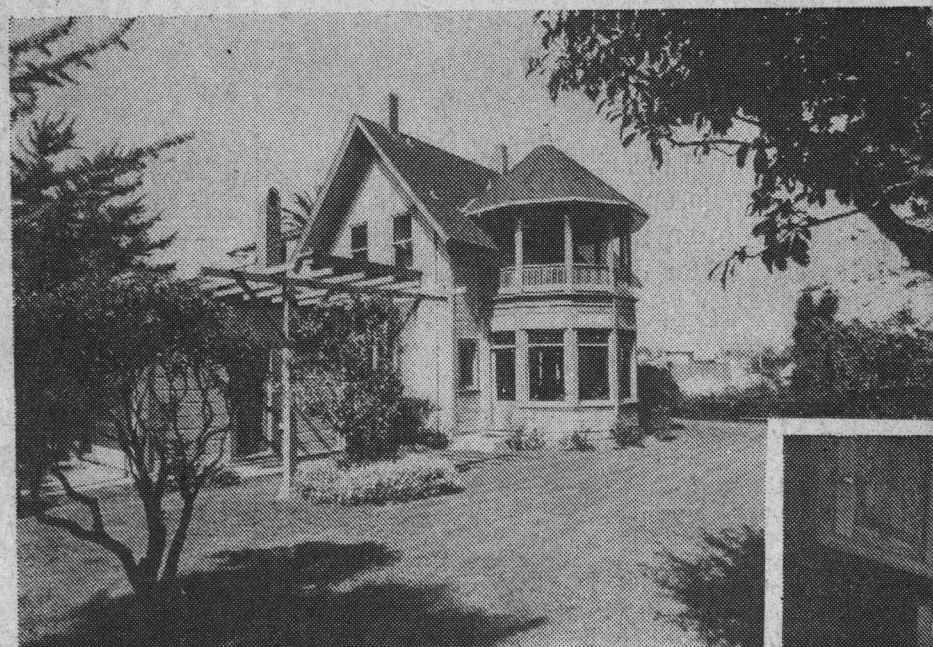


Solarium has new stained glass; other areas in the house have original leaded glass. House includes drawing room, living room, dining room, three bedrooms, several baths.



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# The Lieutenant-Governor's House

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One and one-half years of planning and working — and the Lieutenant-Governor's house is beautiful again.

There are solid oak cabinets in the kitchen which is light and airy with windows that reach to the ceiling — which is tall.

Tiles on the sink are out of Cooper House floors — the County's old courthouse. Peter Haan has done the work.

The solarium is beautiful with stained glass windows in its upper portion, clear glass below giving a view of the lawn and garden.

Cliff-Crest, at 407 Cliff Street in Santa Cruz, was built in 1870 by someone who loved the sun and views of Monterey Bay.

It was purchased in the 1890's by William and Jennie Jeter — and since has been known as the Lieutenant-Governor's House.

William Jeter became lieutenant-governor of California and served between 1895 and 1899.

The Jeters remodeled the house twice, adding the solarium and a belvedere, and installing a staircase with a curved handrail. They also added a number of beautifully designed, built-in cabinets and windows.

William Jeter came to Santa Cruz from Missouri after first visiting San Francisco. A lawyer

by profession, he was elected chairman of the Santa Cruz Democratic Committee in 1882.

Mr. Jeter married pretty, young Jennie Bliss, the daughter of a Santa Cruz dentist, in 1885, and the couple entertained often in their Cliff Street home.

A civic-minded person, William Jeter was a member of Santa Cruz City Council during the "boys' " administration, when a group of young men led the city to establish water and sewer systems.

From 1893 to 1930 he was president of County Bank of Santa Cruz.

Mr. Jeter also happened to be one of the county's first conservationists. He was instrumental in organizing the Big Trees Company which recognized and saved the "big trees" near Felton for future generations. Those trees were the nucleus of a good portion of today's Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. The last weeks of Mr. Jeter's life

were spent in bed at Hanly Hospital. But even then, as ill as he was, he spent hours on the acquisition of the Big Tree Grove.

Regular visitors to his bedside — not to visit, but to work! — were his secretary, his colleagues from the bank and the group working to save the trees.

In addition to his other posts, he was mayor of Santa Cruz and district attorney of Santa Cruz.

Apoth project, of which few are aware, was the Skyline Boulevard. When it was first proposed, Mr. Jeter endorsed the project as a good one for San-

ta Cruz County and gave much valuable time to working on it.

He was born in Petersburg, Ill., on October 19, 1850, the eighth child in a family of nine. It was 1876 when he left Missouri, where he had grown up, to come to California.

He died May 15, 1930. On August 15, 1954, William Jeter was saluted and portrayed in the Parade of Pioneers when Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park was dedicated. His wife, Jennie Bliss Jeter, lived to the ripe old age of 99, in 1959.



Cliff-Crest, the home of the late Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. William Jeter, is located at 407 Cliff Street.



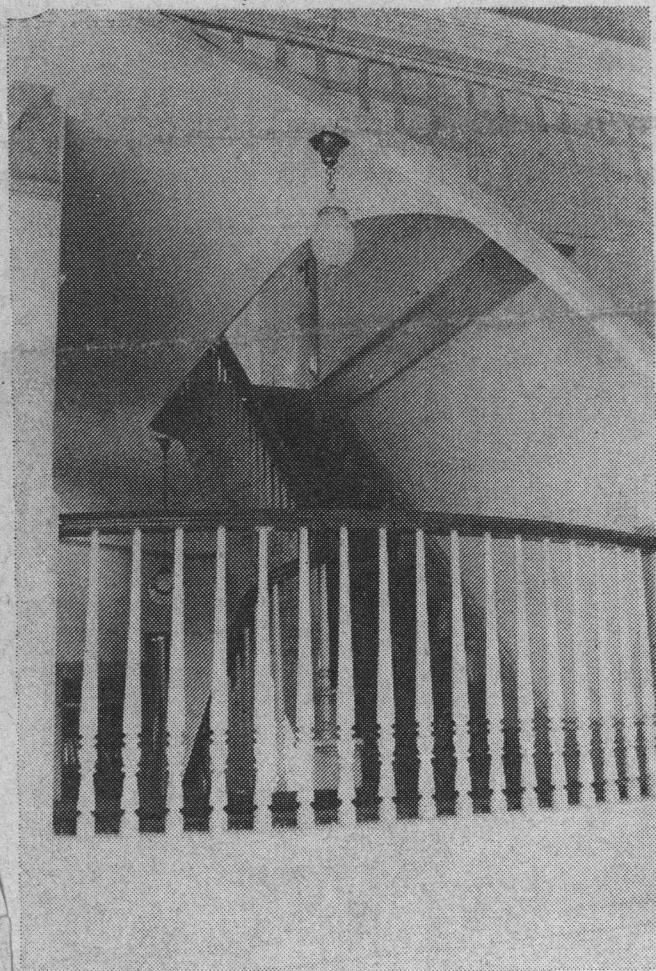




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Peter Haan, UCSC graduate and son of owners Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Haan, in the kitchen of Cliff-Crest.



Curving staircase overlooks solarium from this balcony before it continues up to the second floor.

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